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Livingston  
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Last Best Fest

An inaugural citywide arts festival, the Last Best Fest, will be held Sept. 5-7 in Livingston. The festival represents a collaboration among nonprofit arts organizations and embraces all arts disciplines: theater, visual arts, literature, dance and music.

Offerings include:

- The first Last Best Fest Juried Art Exhibition and Sale, a regional art show and sale juried by Mark Browning, former director and curator of the WaterWorks Art Museum in Miles City.
- A holdover performance of Neil Simon’s “Last of the Red Hot Lovers” featuring Gary Fish at 8 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Blue Slipper Theatre;
- Caldera Theater’s performance of “Trout Fishing in Livingston,” 2 p.m. Friday and again Saturday evening at Elk River Books and Wheatgrass Saloon (which also hosts an Emerging Writer’s Reading);
- “Three Artists Trapped in a Gallery,” which will be unveiled Sept. 6 at the Danforth Gallery;
- Classes in ceramics, metalsmithing, ballet and drawing;
- A Festival of the Thread, with a reception at 4 p.m. Friday, followed by a Shakespeare in the Parks performance at 7 p.m. at the Shane Center, which also hosts a screening of “The New Northwest Passage” at 2 p.m. Saturday.

For more information visit lastbestfest.org.

ARTS CALENDAR, SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

**Kalispell (continued)**  
*September 6*  
Taste of Kalispell - 5-10 p.m., Museum at Central School, 406-756-8381  
*September 13*  
Montana Dragon Boat Bash - 6:30 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, 888-888-2308  
*September 19*  
Delectable Edible Art Event - 5-7 p.m., Hockaday Museum of Art, 406-755-5268  
*September 20-21*  
Local Color Studio Tour - 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Hockaday Museum of Art and other venues, 406-755-5268  
*September 21, October 19*  
Northwest Montana Accordion Association Jam - 2-5:30 p.m., Eagles Club, 406-752-8275  
*September 27-28*  
Flathead River Writers’ Conference - Flathead Valley Community College Arts and Technology Building, 406-250-3948  
*September 28*  
Wai Mizutani - 2:30 p.m., Flathead High School Performance Hall, Flathead Valley LIVE On Stage, 406-862-3641  
*October 3-4*  
Ghost Tours - 7-9 p.m., Conrad Mansion Museum, 406-755-2166  
*October 3-5*  
Glacier Jazz: Dixie, Ragtime and More - Eagles Club, Flathead Valley Jazz Society, 406-862-3814  
*October 11*  
Spellbound! - 7:30 p.m., Flathead High School Performance Hall, 406-407-7000

**Laurel**  
*September 1*  
“Romeo and Juliet” - 6 p.m., Laurel Practice Football Field, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, 406-994-3901

**Lewistown**  
*September 6*  
Chokecherry Festival - all day, downtown, 406-535-5436  
*September 7*  
Central Montana Community Concert Series: Habaneros - 2 p.m., Performing Arts Center, 406-535-9503

**Libby**  
*September 12-14*  
Nordicfest - various venues, 406-293-2253  
*September 20*  
Back Adit Band - 6 p.m., Memorial Center, 406-293-9643  
**Lincoln**  
*September 18-October 4*  
Blackfoot Pathways: Sculpture in the Wild International Sculpture Symposium - 406-210-4101

**Livingston**  
*September 4*  
Livingston Hoot - Main Street, 406-599-1075  
*September 5-7*  
Last Best Fest - Shane Center for the Arts, Lincoln School and downtown, 406-222-5122  
*September 5*  
“Romeo and Juliet” - 6 p.m., The Shane Center – outdoors, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, 406-994-3901  
*September 6*  
Emerging Authors Readings - noon, Elk River Books, 406-333-2330  
“Trout Fishing in Livingston” - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-333-2330  
*September 12*  
Roundhouse Roundup, A Dinner Dance Under Montana’s Summer Sky - 5:30-8:30 p.m., Livingston Depot Center, 406-222-2300  
*September 16*  
Reading: Mike Gordon - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-333-2330  
*September 17*  
Reading: Carol Frost - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-333-2330  
*September 19-20*  
Scriptwriters’ Conference - various venues, 406-222-6564  
*September 26*  
Art Walk - 5:30-8:30 p.m., downtown, 406-222-0850  
Reception: Legacy Artist Series - 5:30-8:30 p.m., Danforth Gallery, 406-222-6510  
Signing: Carrie La Seur - 5:30-8 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-333-2330  
*October 2*  
Lecture: Mary Clearman Blew - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-333-2330  
*October 16*  
Lecture: David Barsamian - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-333-2330  
*October 30*  
Reading: Kim Zupan - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-333-2330

**Malta**  
*October 7*  
Andy Hackbarth and Wayward Tambourine - 7 p.m., Malta High School, Northeastern Arts Network, 406-489-4304

**Miles City**  
*September 6*  
Guy Davis - 8 p.m., WaterWorks Art Museum, 406-853-4929 or 234-5732

*September 19-21*  
Miles City Bluegrass Festival - Eastern Montana Fairgrounds, 406-234-2480 or 406-853-1678  
*September 27*  
WaterWorks Art Auction - 7:30 p.m., WaterWorks Art Museum, 406-234-0635

**Missoula**  
*September 4*  
Lecture: “Spiritual Comfort and Charitable Healing in Ter Brugghen’s Saint Sebastian Tended by Irene” - 5:10-6 p.m., UM Social Science Building, Room 356, 406-243-2813  
*September 5-6*  
Bare Bait Dance: “Settle” - UM Open Space Theatre, PARTV Building, 406-214-0097  
*September 5, October 3*  
First Friday - 5:30-9 p.m., downtown, 406-541-0860  
*September 5, 12, 19, 26*  
Zootown Improv - Stensrud Playhouse, 406-926-2477  
*September 6*  
Hempfest - noon-10 p.m., Caras Park, 406-370-3604  
*September 7*  
Germanfest - 2-6 p.m., Caras Park, 406-543-4238  
*September 9*  
“China Confronts Asia: Implications for the United States” - 7 p.m., Dell Brown Room, UM Turner Hall, Montana World Affairs Council, 406-728-3328  
*September 10-12*  
“The Storied Past, The Troubled Future: The Imperative of Wilderness at 50 Years” - University Center Ballroom, 406-243-2311  
*September 11-14, 16-21, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30*  
“Broomstick” - 7:30 p.m., UM Masquer Theatre, PARTV Center, 406-243-4581  
*September 11*  
In the Gallery with Sandra Dal Poggetto - 7 p.m., Montana Museum of Art and Culture, 406-243-2019  
*September 12*  
Mark Chesnutt - 7:30 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, 406-243-4051  
*September 14*  
David Grisman Sextet - 5 p.m., Montana Snowbowl, 406-322-2589  
*September 16*  
Atmosphere - 7 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521  
Lecture: “The Transformation of Daphne: A Modernist Architect’s Life” - 5:10 p.m., UM Social Science Building, Room 356, 406-243-2813  
*September 18*  
Broad Comedy - 7 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-830-3483  
*September 18-21*  
Flamenco Montana Festival - Ballet Arts Academy, 406-542-9270 or 396-4007



Master dancer Teo Morca teaches in September during the Flamenco Montana Festival in Missoula.

*September 19*  
Carousel for Missoula Dinner and Auction - 6:30-9 p.m., Caras Park, 406-549-8382  
Writers’ Fall Opus - 6:30-10 p.m., Governor’s Room of the Florence Building, UM Creative Writing Program, 406-243-5267  
*September 21*  
Peace Party - 4:30-8 p.m., Caras Park, 406-543-3955  
String Orchestra of the Rockies: “Cello-brate” with Amit Peled - 7:30 p.m., UM Music Recital Hall, 406-493-2990  
*September 22*  
The Dave Rawlings Machine - 8 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521  
*September 24*  
Dropkick Murphys - 7 p.m., Adams Center, 406-243-4051  
*September 25-27*  
UC Homecoming Art Fair - September 25-26, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; September 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., University Center Atrium, University Center Art Programming, 406-243-5622  
*September 26*  
The Best of Don McLean - 8 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, 406-243-4051  
*September 30*  
Old Crow Medicine Show - 7:30 p.m., Adams Center, 406-243-4051



Gary Fish (center) joins Taylor Jensen, Peggy Jensen, and Debbie Jamieson in an encore production of “Last of the Red Hot Lovers” at Blue Slipper Theatre in Livingston during the Last Best Fest.

*October 3*  
Reading: Walter Kirm - 7 p.m., Dell Brown Room of UM Turner Hall, UM Creative Writing Program, 406-243-5267  
*October 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26*  
“A Party to Murder” - Stensrud Playhouse, 406-926-2477  
*October 4, 18*  
ART21: “Access ’14” - 1 p.m., Missoula Art Museum, 406-728-0447  
*October 4-5*  
Hellgate Gem Mineral and Fossil Show - Hilton Garden Inn, 406-543-3667  
Missoula Symphony Orchestra: “Music, Love, and Other Drugs” - UM Dennison Theatre, 406-721-3194  
*October 7-11, 14-18*  
“Cyrano de Bergerac” - 7:30 p.m., UM Montana Theatre, PARTV Center, 406-243-4581  
*October 9-11*  
Montana Festival of the Book - various venues, 406-243-6022  
*October 12*  
Boys Noize and Baauer - 8 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521  
Five Valley Accordion Jam Session - 1-4 p.m., Sunrise Saloon, 406-240-9617  
*October 13*  
Matisyahu - 8 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521  
*October 16*  
Cash’d Out - 8 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2581  
*October 17-19*  
Bare Bait Dance: “Fingertips Toward Floor, Head Follows” or “The Lazy Sexy Peepshow” - 7:30 p.m., Stage 112 in the Elks Club, 406-214-0097  
*October 17*  
Lecture: “How to tell a War Story” - 7-9 p.m., Missoula Art Museum, 406-728-0447  
*October 22*  
Steamroller Prints - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., UM Fine Arts building, west side parking lot, 406-243-4181  
*October 23*  
Visiting Artist Lecture: M.K. Guth - 5:10 p.m., UM Social Science Building, Room 356, Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Lecture Fund, 406-243-2813  
*October 24*  
Andre Nickatina - 8 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521  
Poetry Reading: Jennifer Moxley - 7 p.m., Dell Brown Room of UM Turner Hall, UM Creative Writing Program, 406-243-5267  
*October 26*  
Missoula Symphony Chorale: Chorale Center Stage - 3 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, 406-721-3194  
*October 30-31*  
“The Rocky Horror Show” - Wilma Theatre, 406-945-0272  
*October 31*  
“Jekyll and Hyde” - 7:30 p.m., MCT Center for the Performing Arts, 406-728-7529

**Nevada City**  
*September 1*  
Living History Weekends - Alder Gulch, Montana Heritage Commission, 406-843-5247  
*October 24-25*  
Living History Event: All Hallows’ Eve - Alder Gulch, Montana Heritage Commission, 406-843-5247

**Norris**  
*September 1*  
Norris Hot Springs Labor Day Music Festival - noon-8 p.m., Norris Hot Springs, 406-685-3303

**Pablo**  
*September 16-18*  
Native American Awareness Days - People’s Center, 406-675-0160

**Polson**  
*September 7, October 5*  
Northwest Montana Accordion Association Jam - 2-5:30 p.m., Elks Club, 406-752-8275  
*September 13*  
World-Wide Paint-Out - Riverside Park, 406-883-5956

**Proctor**  
*September 12-13*  
Blues Blowout - Lake Mary Ronan Lodge, 406-849-5483